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C O N F I D E N T I A L MASERU 766

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PGOV, LT

SUBJECT: CHANGES IN LESOTHO GOVERNMENT

REF: MASERU 732 AND PREVIOUS

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: GOL ANNOUNCED TODAY FOLLOWING CHANGES IN GOVERNMENT, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

--MR. DAVID K. NOTO, PRESENTLY PERMANENT SECRETARY FOR PERSONNEL IN CABINET OFFICE, BECOMES LESOTHO'S PERMREP TO UN.

--DR. P. K. SEPHOMOLO, PRESENTLY ACTING REGISTRAR AT UBLS ROMA CAMPUS, BECOMES FIRST SECRETARY IN UN DELEGATION.

--MRS. THERESA NTSANE, PERMANENT SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER, BECOMES PERMSEC TO THE CABINET FOR PERSONNEL, REPLACING NOTO.

--MR. I. L. MONESE, PRINCIPAL EDUCATION OFFICER, REPLACES

MRS. NTSANE.

END UNCLASSIFIED.

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2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: THESE CHANGES ARE CONSIDERED PROMOTIONS FOR NTSANE AND MONESE, WHO ARE SOLID BUT NOT COLORFUL CIVIL SERVANTS. NOTO ALSO GETS A PROMOTION, BUT SOME REPORTS HAVE IT THAT PRIME MINISTER WAS DISSATISFIED WITH HIS PERFORMANCE IN PRESENT POSITION. WE INTERPRET SEPHOMOLO'S TRANSFER AS GOL DESIRE TO GET HIM OUT OF THE COUNTRY. SEPHOMOLO WAS FOLLOWER, OR COLLABORATOR, OF FORMER MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY JOEL MOITSE, WHO WAS ABRUPTLY DISMISSED LAST MONTH. HE WAS ALSO CONSIDERED ARCH TROUBLE MAKER AT UBLS (ROMA), ESPECIALLY DURING STUDENT STRIKE EARLIER THIS YEAR, AND WAS REPORTEDLY DISTRUSTED BY BOTSWANA AND SWAZILAND OFFICIALS.

3. THESE CHANGES HAVE INCREASED SPECULATION THAT MINISTERIAL CHANGES WILL BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY.  
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